

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Paul Higginbotham, Complainant, vs. Pacific Bell Telephone Company, Defendant.	Case 01-03-028 (March 7, 2001)
Izu Klepper, Complainant, vs. Pacific Bell Telephone Company, Defendant.	Case 01-05-059 (May 17, 2001)
Asha Goldberg, Complainant, vs. Pacific Bell Telephone Company, Defendant.	Case 01-05-068 (May 28, 2001)
Raymond A. Chamberlin, Complainant, vs. Pacific Bell Telephone Company, Defendant.	Case 01-07-023 (July 16, 2001)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING
RE-DESIGNATING AND CONSOLIDATING COMPLAINTS,
AND SETTING PREHEARING CONFERENCE**

Background

These four complaints were filed between March and July of this year. Pursuant to Rule 13.2 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (Rules), each complaint was calendared as an Expedited Complaint

Each complaint alleges that Pacific Bell has ceased publishing information in its directories indicating which telephone number prefixes are within a toll-free local calling area. The complaints also seek the same remedy -- that Pacific Bell resume publishing the information its directories. Pacific Bell has filed similar answers in all four dockets, contending that the Commission lacks the authority to grant the relief requested.

Re-designating Complaints

Due to the broad applicability of the relief requested, the public interest requires that these complaints be resolved through the regular complaint process. Thus, each shall be re-calendared under our regular procedure.

Consolidating the Complaints

The complaints present related questions of fact and law. Therefore, pursuant to Rule 55, the four complaint proceedings shall be consolidated.

Prehearing Conference

A prehearing conference shall be held to determine the most efficient means available to resolve the issues presented by these complaints:

**Friday, October 19, 2001
10:00 a.m.
Commission Hearing Rooms
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, California**

IT IS SO RULED.

Dated September 28, 2001, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ MARIBETH A. BUSHEY

Maribeth A. Bushey
Administrative Law Judge

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have by mail this day served a true copy of the original attached Administrative Law Judge's Ruling Re-Designating And Consolidating Complaints, and Setting Prehearing Conference on all parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record.

Dated September 28, 2001, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ JACQUELINE GORZUCH

Jacqueline Gorzoch

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